

This week's Redstone happening  
**July 31, 2025**



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

*District 1 Churches*

*United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington, Becca Siddle, Covenant Pastor*

*Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo, Pete Goetschius, Pastor*

*District 2 Churches*

*West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin, Andrew Wirt, Pastor*

*First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette, Dawn Sherwood, Pastor*

*District 3 Churches*

*Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church, Regina Sturiale, Covenant Pastor*

*Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock, Laura Blank, Pastor*

*District 4 Churches*

*Colver Presbyterian Church, Robert Sheehan, Moderator*

*Cresson Presbyterian Church, Alice Tondora, Pastor*

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~Presbytery News~

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**Wee Kirk**

small numbers. big faith.  
huge impact.

**Early Bird Registration Closes Today!**

**Wee Kirk 2025**

**October 13-15 - Laurelville Retreat Center**

Today is the day!! Not just the trade deadline for baseball, BUT the early bird registration date for the Wee Kirk 2025. So, while we will be receiving registrations up until October, IF you want to save \$25, get your registration in before August 1(tomorrow). You can register online at [wee-kirk-ne.org](http://wee-kirk-ne.org) or call Redstone Presbytery at 724.837.6737.

Even if you can't register early, we still look forward to your registration and participation in another refreshing and renewing experience as part of the Wee Kirk annual conference and community.

Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Blessings.

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[Click Here](https://wee-irk-ne.org) to go to the website (<https://wee-irk-ne.org>) and view the speakers and topics and to Register.

[Click Here for the Brochure](#) that lists all the seminars/workshops, their leaders, the schedule and Registration.

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## IPLF PROGRAM FALL SEMESTER IS STARTING ON AUGUST 9, 2025

Wanting to learn, grow in faith, and serve the Lord in Ministry?  
Wondering whether God might be calling you to preach or to another way of serving the church?

Classes start on August 9, 2025 with Introduction to Reformed Theology with Instructor: Rev. Dr. Martin Ankrum

The Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) is a collaborative program among presbyteries to train, educate, and prepare those called to serve as Ruling Elders in particular pastoral service.

For more Information about the program and Enrollment, Please Contact Karen Gray at the Presbytery Office 724-837-6737 or [secretary@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org)

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### IPLF Fall Workshops

Fall Pastor and Elder Training Workshops presented by the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation. All workshops will be hybrid offerings by Zoom and in-person from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 9, 2025 - Boundaries and Ethics in Church Leadership  
Meeting Location: Laboratory Presbyterian Church - 23 Manse Street, Washington, PA  
Instructor: Michelle Snyder

[Click Here to view the Full Schedule](#)

The zoom login information is:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7248330340?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7248330340?pwd=gpnK4liH8GsZGOXApZLISyM18vgsVV.1)  
[pwd=gpnK4liH8GsZGOXApZLISyM18vgsVV.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7248330340?pwd=gpnK4liH8GsZGOXApZLISyM18vgsVV.1)  
Meeting ID; 7248330340  
Password: IPLF

Please contact the Presbytery office if you plan on attending in person or by Zoom 724-837-6737, [secretary@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org)

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### PRE-KIRK

Rev. Jim Farrer invites members of Redstone Presbytery to Laurelville Retreat Center on Monday, October 13, 2025 from 1-4pm. Jim will address a variety of

topics like Jesus' model for reaching younger generations and bringing about change and resurrection.

There is not cost for this Workshop. Please either call (724-837-6767) or email the Presbytery Office ([secretary@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org)) if interested in attending Pre-Kirk.

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### Last Call for Planning Calendars 2025-2026

The Presbytery will be doing a bulk order for the 2025/2026 Planning Calendars. Calendars begin in September again this year. The bulk order rate per calendar will be \$11.25 this year. If you would like to get in on the bulk rate deal please complete the [order form](#) and email it or mail it with your payment to the Presbytery office. **The deadline for orders will be August 4, 2025** in order to have them for distribution at the September meeting. Thank you!

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~Events at our Churches~

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## PLAN TO ATTEND the Encore Performance!

### Unity Cemetery & Chapel Historical Program



With the goal of sharing 250 years of Unity Cemetery and Unity Chapel's history – a history that reflects the story of our nation – the program's creator and four actors will present an encore performance on Saturday, August 2, at 4 p.m. in Unity Chapel at 130 Chapel Lane, Latrobe. Admission is free and the program is appropriate for all ages. The public is invited.

Mary Lou Townsend, Latrobe Area Historical Society President, tapped her vast knowledge of local history to create the slide program that spans 1774 to the present. Mary Lou will periodically pause her narration so the audience can 'meet' several people who played a key part in local history and who are buried in Unity Cemetery.

- Sarah Taylor, who died in 1786 and whose headstone is the oldest in Unity Cemetery, will talk about the challenges her family faced in order to make a new life in the Land of Opportunity.
- Rev. Noah Hallock Gillette served Unity Church for nineteen years and then, because America's population was increasing and people were moving into towns, established the mission church on Main Street in Latrobe that became Latrobe Presbyterian Church.
- Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Leasure Beatty, born in 1859 and the great granddaughter of Benjamin Beatty on whose family's land the present Unity Chapel was built, will tell of 19<sup>th</sup> century lifestyles and pastimes.
- Eli Chambers represents young Americans who served in the Civil War because Americans' opinions differed enough to battle one another.

Mark your calendars now for this encore performance! Enjoy the hour-long program and then have dinner at a nearby restaurant!

Call Latrobe Presbyterian Church (724.537.3631) with questions.

**The Masontown community kitchen will be open Tuesday, August 5, 2025 from 4 to 5:30 PM. The menu will be sloppy Joe's sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, homemade desserts, and Panera breads. The Kitchen is open every other Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Church Ave., Masontown PA. The dinners are provided without charge; Donations are gladly accepted and provide for future meals. This local mission would not be possible without the help of the many volunteers from the area's local churches and the community. For questions or to volunteer your help, please call Judy at 724-943-3013 or Frank 724 366-4721**



**The Masontown monthly Food bank will be held Wednesday, August 6, 2025 from 1 to 2 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Church Ave., Masontown PA. New Participants may register at the Food bank. This local food mission would not be possible without the help from the many volunteers in the community. For more information or to volunteer, call Frank 724-366-4721**

# The Summer Chamber Music Series

at historic

## Unity Chapel

114 Chapel Lane, Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650

### Keys of Brass

Thursday, August 14 – 7:30 pm

Quintet: Trumpet – Trumpet – Horn – Trombone – Tuba

General admission - \$15. All donations benefit the Westmoreland Youth Symphony Orchestra Program. For more information please call 724-537-3631 x15 or 724-837-1850.

[unitycemeterychapel.org](http://unitycemeterychapel.org)

[latrobepc.org](http://latrobepc.org)

Underwritten by the Charles F. and Mary Esther Sawyer Music Fund  
of the

### The Latrobe Presbyterian Church



Unity Chapel is handicap accessible: parking, entrance and restroom.  
The chapel is air-conditioned.



### Leisenring Presbyterian Church Bazaar

**August 16, 9am-2pm**

**Huge Flea Market-Food-Music-  
Kids Craft & Face Painting &  
Chinese Auction**

**1004 Church St, Leisenring, PA  
15455**



### Leisenring Presbyterian Church Cabbage Roll Dinner & Bake Sale

**September 6, 10am-3pm**

**\$12.00 includes Cabbage Roll,  
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll,  
Dessert & Drink Eat-In or Take-Out**

**1004 Church St, Leisenring, PA  
15455**



### WOMEN OF CHAPLAINCY AND PASTORAL CARE

**CONFERENCE** - September 13th from 8:30AM-4:30 PM,  
Geneva College. If you are a woman in Chaplaincy, Pastoral  
Care, or serving in a similar capacity, then you're invited to  
join us at the 3rd Annual Women of Chaplaincy and

Pastoral Care Conference! Learn more about the event and featured speakers at  
[www.pawomenchaplains.net/news](http://www.pawomenchaplains.net/news).

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## Fishing Differently: Ministry Formation in the Marketplace

Sept. 17, 2025

In Person, Harrisburg, Pa.

Sidney S. Williams Jr. will present on the F.I.S.H. model (Financial, Intellectual, Social, and Human Capital) and the principles of Fishing Differently® to empower leaders, pastors, and congregations to strengthen their stewardship ministries. This engaging session will address the unique challenges congregations face while uncovering untapped opportunities to reimagine their assets and align mission with resources for greater community impact. Free book included with registration. Co-sponsored by The United Methodist Foundation of Pennsylvania and The Journey Church, Harrisburg, Pa. [Learn more.](#)

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## Faithful and Flexible Empowering Church Leaders for Emerging Possibilities

Sept. 19-20, 2025

In Person and Online

Join us in person or online for a two-day conference designed to equip church leaders for faithful and adaptive leadership in today's rapidly changing ministry contexts. The Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger, senior congregational strategist and affiliate professor of leadership formation at Fuller Seminary and an influential voice on adaptive leadership in the church, will deliver this year's Henderson Lecture.

Saturday will be "Worship and Workshops" day: bring a team of people from your church to learn practical skills for leading adaptive ministry! [Registration is open now!](#) We hope you will join us!

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With an online virtual registration option. In-person attendees will be able to choose from dozens of workshops in addition to attending diverse plenary sessions and worship experiences.

For information on available grants through the Presbyterian Foundation to assist pastors and New Worshiping Community leaders to attend the conference, please visit <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/resources/church-financial-literacy-and-leadership-program/grant/>.

For more information visit [stewardshipkaleidoscope.org](http://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org)

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## Concerned about Gun Violence?

Learn Faith-Based Skills for  
Gun Violence Prevention at the  
Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage Harrisonburg, VA  
Sept. 24-27, 2025

The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship invites you to the **Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage** at Massanetta Springs Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA Sept. 24-27. The Institute offers continuing education for clergy and lay leaders on educational, pastoral and action steps for gun violence prevention mission with the local church.

**Who should come?** Lay leaders and teams, parents and grandparents, gun violence survivors, suicide prevention groups, gun owners, safety advocates, veterans, pastors, youth leaders--- people of faith who are committed to saving lives.

All denominations are welcome.

Questions? Contact [gvp@presbypeacefellowship.org](mailto:gvp@presbypeacefellowship.org)



### SAVE THE DATE: MESSY CHURCH SEMINAR -

Sept. 26, 9:30AM-3:30PM at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Messy Church started in England 20 years ago as a fresh way of being church. For the past two decades, Messy Church has grown around the world

(and across the U.S.). PTS will host this in-person program to provide an intergenerational model (liturgy) that is easily adapted to a variety of contexts from small church to large, urban to suburban to rural and beyond. [Read More.](#)

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